**In the Claims**

1-22. **(Cancelled)**

23. **(Currently Amended)** A method for providing restricted security distribution instructions to a transfer agent comprising the steps of:

receiving distribution information from a Venture Capitalist ("VC") in electronic form, the distribution information including data indicating for each participant in the distribution a name, an identification number, and a number of allocated securities;

importing the distribution information into a database system;

matching participants identified in the distribution information to participant information previously entered in the database system;

associating each respective participant in the distribution information with a contact from which instructions regarding the a disposition of the allocated securities to theeach respective participant can be obtained;

indicating contacts who must be contacted to obtain distribution instructions for associated participants;

storing distribution instructions received from contacts in the database system;

generating a report containing including received distribution instructions for the participants in the distribution; and

providing the report to a transfer agent.

24. **(Original)** The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of scrubbing the received information prior to the importing step.

25. **(Original)** The method of claim 23, wherein the step of matching participants comprises the steps of:

identifying previously stored records in the database system containing matching identification numbers;

indicating differences between data in identified records and the distribution data received from the VC; and

indicating participants in the distribution for which no matching previously stored record was found.

26. **(Original)** The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of defining distribution restrictions for a particular participant.

27. **(Original)** The method of claim 23, wherein the step of indicating comprises the step of dynamically indicating the contacts for participants in the distribution and a contact status for the indicated contacts.

28. **(Original)** The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of upon the selection of an indicated contact indicating all open items for which the contact must be contacted.

29. **(Original)** The method of claim 23, wherein the step of generating is

performed on a periodic basis.

30.  **(Original)** The method of claim 23, wherein the step of generating is performed on demand.

31.  **(Original)** The method of claim 23, wherein the step of generating is performed in response to the receipt of distribution instructions for at least one participant.

32.  **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 23, ~~wherein the report is incremental~~ further comprising:

granting the transfer agent custody of the allocated securities for at least a limited period of time, wherein the allocated securities are associated with corresponding participants, and further wherein the transfer agent is configured to perform incremental distributions of the securities in accordance with the distribution instructions.

33.  **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 23, wherein the ~~report is provided to the transfer agent in electronic form~~indicating further comprises sorting contacts in an order of urgency, such that contacts associated with more exigent items are contacted before contacts associated with less exigent items.

34.  **(Original)** A system for generating restricted security distribution instruction reports suitable for use by a transfer agent, the system comprising:

a database;

at least one client computer system having access to the database;

a database import module configured to import into the database distribution information received from an originating entity in electronic form, the distribution information including data indicating for respective participants in the distribution a name, an identification number, and a number of allocated securities;

a participant matching module configured to match participants identified in the distribution information to participant information previously stored in the database;

a participant contact association module configured to associate each participant in the distribution with a contact from which instructions regarding the disposition of the securities allocated to the participant can be obtained;

a call queue module configured to indicate contacts who must be contacted to obtain distribution instructions for associated participants;

at least one disposition module configured to store distribution instructions received from the contacts; and

a participant instruction report module configured to generate a report containing received instructions for the participants, the report suitable for electronic transfer to the transfer agent.

35. **(Original)** The system of claim 34, further comprising a scrubbing module configured to format the received information and to verify that required data fields are present prior to processing of the received information by the

import module.

36. **(Original)** The system of claim 34, wherein the participant matching module is configured to:

identify previously stored records in the database containing matching identification numbers;

indicate differences between data in identified records and the distribution data received from the originating entity; and

indicate participants in the distribution for which no matching previously stored record was found.

37. **(Original)** The system of claim 34, wherein the call queue module is configured to dynamically indicate contacts for participants in the distribution and a contact status for the indicated contacts.

38. **(Original)** The system of claim 34, further comprising a contact detail module configured to, upon the selection of an indicated contact, indicate all open items for which the selected contact must be contacted.

39. **(Original)** The system of claim 34, wherein the participant instruction report module is configured to generate the report on a periodic basis.

40. **(Original)** The system of claim 34, wherein the participant instruction report module is configured to generate a report on demand.

41. **(Original)** The system of claim 34, wherein the participant instruction report module is configured to generate a report in response to the receipt of instructions for at least one participant.

42. **(Original)** The system of claim 34, wherein the participant instruction report module configured to generate incremental reports.

43. **(Original)** The system of claim 34, wherein the database comprises a plurality of tables including tables forming:

an allotment cluster configured to store information related to distribution tasks to be performed by the facilitator;

a participant cluster configured to store individual account level reference information;

a content cluster configured to store contact reference information; and

a project cluster configured to store information related to specific security distribution projects.